eChild**Care** *Project*

RFI Results Summary – October 2003

The e-Child Care project received 11 responses to the RFI.

- The responses provide a wealth of information of the current state of the art as it relates to:

  - child care information systems, and options for moving forward.

The e-Child Care respondents included:

- Software and outsourcing vendors

- Software only providers

- Component/Service providers

  ○ Financial/EBT/Funds Transfers

  ○ Document Management and Imaging

  ○ Time and attendance tracking

  ○ Intelligent searching software

- Child care center-based systems

RFI Results: Potential System Profiles

- The solutions that were presented included a range of different options that could be implemented individually or combined to provide a complete system.

- These options included:

    - Discrete integrated systems.

    - Child care functionality that has been included in a larger assistance and eligibility system.

    - Child care center and home based child care management systems.

    - School based tracking systems.

    - Local implementation.

    - Point-of-sale attendance systems.

- The proposed technology solutions were as varied as the vendors that responded. They included:

  - Open source software.

  - Web-based solutions using current technology.

  - Mainframe based solutions with client server or web front ends.

  - Client server applications.

  - Point-of-Sale terminal based systems.

  - Proprietary single purpose optimized software.

RFI Results: Funding Models

- Different approaches to funding a child care system.

    Most notable:

    - Graduated approach where different components could be installed with more functionality added over time.

    - Application Service Providers where the system, all infrastructure, maintenance, and operations are provided for a negotiated annual fee.

    - Fee for child or payment model where the cost is based on a fixed price per child served.

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